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In re application of: Vadim Bichko et al.

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For: HEPATITIS C VIRUS CONSTRUCTS CHARACTERIZED BY HIGH EFFICIENCY REPLICATION

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 20, 2004, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of

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claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper. Submitted simultaneously herewith is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO/SB/08A (attached as Tab 1) with the requires fees.

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